AHAA Youth Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

School Name: _____

Current GPA (if applicable): _____

Scholarship Award Information & Rules

The Arabian Horse Association of Arizona Education Trust is dedicated to furthering the rich legacy of the Arabian horse and equestrian sport through higher education, personal development, and enhanced emotional well-being through friendly equine competition.

Scholarship winners are entitled to payment of funds for higher educational purposes. *Higher education* is defined as an institution/school of higher learning, which a scholarship winner attends upon receiving a high school diploma or equivalent. This includes colleges, universities, junior or community colleges offering an Associate Degree, or trade schools that issue certificates for a specific trade.

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution/school on behalf of the scholarship winner. These funds may only be used for **tuition, books, or educational expenses** directly related to enrollment. *Scholarship funds may not be used for meals, lodging, or personal expenses.*

Each scholarship is awarded at a fixed face value and will not accrue or decrease with interest. If the total educational expenses are less than the amount awarded or the student does not attend school, any unused funds must be refunded to the Arabian Horse Association of Arizona, not the student.

The Trust will **hold the funds for up to 5 years** from the year the scholarship is awarded. After that time, the scholarship will **expire** and become unavailable for redemption.

Scholarship Awards Available
- Two (2) scholarships will be awarded annually.
- Each scholarship is valued at $3,000.
- Proof of grade level may be requested by the Official Show Secretary.

Failure to meet eligibility or documentation requirements will result in disqualification.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirement
As part of the application process for the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show Scholarship Program, applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

Grade-Level Eligibility:
Only high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to apply.

Participation Requirement:

All applicants must compete in a minimum of one (1) Junior to Ride class at the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show. This participation is a mandatory condition for scholarship consideration and must be verified through official class results or show records.

Community Service Requirement:

Applicants must complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service. This service may be horse-related or within their broader local community. Documentation of service must be submitted as part of the application.

Recommendation Requirement:

Applicants must provide at least one letter of recommendation from a Regional Director, Club Director, or approved affiliate representative of the Arabian Horse Association. This is required for scholarship consideration.

Failure to meet this participation requirement will result in disqualification from scholarship eligibility.

Short Answer & Essay Prompts

Please write a single essay (minimum 500 words) addressing the following:

1. Personal Statement
Tell us about yourself, your background with Arabian horses, your goals in the breed, and how this scholarship will help you participate in the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show.

2. What Does Showing the Arabian Horse Mean to You?
Explain how being involved in showing Arabian horses has impacted you personally and why it matters to you.

3. How Do You Promote the Arabian Horse to Others?
Describe what you currently do or would like to do to introduce new people to the Arabian horse breed (social media, school presentations, peer outreach, etc.).

4. Financial Need Statement
Briefly explain your financial need and how receiving this scholarship would make a difference in your ability to participate in furthering your education.

5. Community Involvement
List any community service, volunteer work, leadership roles, or extracurricular activities. How has your involvement in community service influenced you personally, in your community, or in your equestrian journey? Share how many hours you've completed, the type of service, and what it meant to you.

6. Future Goals in the Arabian Breed
Describe your long-term goals within the Arabian horse industry.

Required Attachments
1. Letters of Recommendation (minimum 2, maximum 3), including one from a Regional or Club Director
2. Academic Transcript or Report Card

Submission Checklist
[ ] Completed application
[ ] Essay responses
[ ] Letters of recommendation
[ ] Transcript/report card
[ ] Optional photo

Submit Your Application To:
Arabian Horse Association of Arizona
15455 N Greenway Hayden Loop, C-18
Scottsdale, AZ 85260
Email: info@scottsdaleshow.com
Application Deadline: June 1, 2026

It is the responsibility of the awardee to initiate the scholarship dispersal request. Awarded funds will not be dispersed automatically without the required information from the awardee. Awarded funds will be issued promptly, but cannot be guaranteed unless sufficient time is given to confirm enrollment and release funds. The student and parents agree to abide by the Education Trust General Rules by submitting this application. A request for confirmation of enrollment at the institution will be required for funds to be awarded. *(copy of the acceptance letter, or a letter from the school confirming registration, or a confirmed class schedule)*

By initialing here, you confirm you have read and understand the scholarship disbursement terms _____ *(adult initials)*

Office Use Only

Date of Request: _____

1. Scholarship Rubric Score Awarded: _____

2. Date of Notification of Awarded Scholarship: _____

3. Full Name of Student: _____

4. Home address, telephone number, and email address of the scholarship winner (or parents): _____

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5. Birthdate of the scholarship winner: _____

6. Year and name of class participated in: _____

7. Name of institution/school, include department name and address that the check needs to be sent to:

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8. The name and telephone number of an individual to contact at the institution: _____

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9. School-issued student ID number: _____

10. The amount of the payment required: _____

11. The date payment is required: _____

12. Date/Info regarding payment sent: _____